

Parental Rights in K-12 Education Interim Project

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Project Description

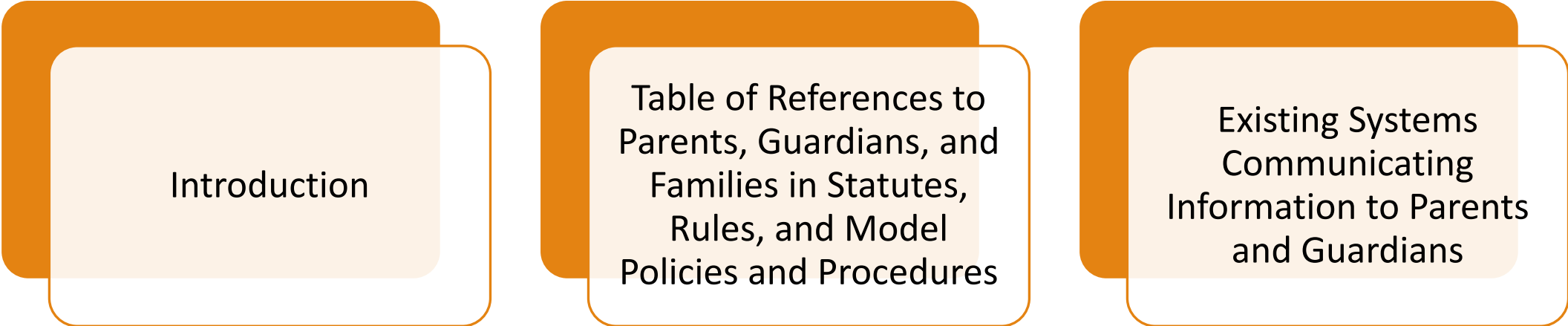
State law and rules regarding K-12 education refer to and require certain actions involving parents and guardians. Committee staff reviewed current state law, rules, and model policies to identify and categorize these references to parents and guardians.

Staff has also identified existing systems where any of this information is communicated to parents and guardians such as information available through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Office of the Education Ombuds, and referral services.

Research Method

- Staff searched the terms “parent” and “family” to find all references in state statute (RCW) and state rules (WAC).
- Staff included substantive references in the memorandum organized into a table of references.
- Staff also searched the same terms in the Washington State School Directors’ Association’s database of model policies and procedure as it relates to the relevant statutes and rules.

Overview of Memorandum



Introduction

Table of References to
Parents, Guardians, and
Families in Statutes,
Rules, and Model
Policies and Procedures

Existing Systems
Communicating
Information to Parents
and Guardians

Categories of References

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enrollment options• Attendance and truancy• Program eligibility and support• Classroom access and parental involvement• Staff preparation for family involvement• Curriculum and instructional materials• Special education• Student academic progress and school district performance | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Graduation and high school diplomas and certificates• Access to student records• Student health• Student safety• Student discipline• School for the Deaf and School for the Blind• Transportation• Complaint processes• Other |
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Table of References

Enrollment Options

RCW 28A.225.010 RCW 28A.225.015 Model Policy 3110 (qualification of attendance and placement)	<i>Mandatory attendance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires parents of any child 8-18 to cause their child to attend public school unless the child is attending private school, receiving home-based instruction, or meets another exception.• Requires parents of any child 6 or 7 to attend school if the parent enrolls the child.
RCW 28A.225.010 Model Policy 3123 (withdrawal prior to graduation)	<i>Withdrawal prior to graduation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires a parent to agree that student withdraw from school if the student is at least 16 years old and is lawfully and regularly employed.
RCW 28A.225.290 RCW 28A.225.300 Model Policy and Procedure 3120 (enrollment) Model Policy 3131 (transfers) Model Policy and Procedure 2024 (online learning)	<i>Enrollment options and parent involvement opportunities</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Directs OSPI to annually distribute an information booklet outlining parents' and guardian's enrollment options for their children.• Requires school districts to annually inform parents of the district's intra-district and inter-district enrollment options and parental involvement opportunities.• Directs the superintendent to provide information to parents, students, and staff regarding online learning options and specifies that parents or guardians are responsible for cost/fees and appropriate technology.• Requires parents and guardians to provide certain information to the enrolling school district but not citizenship or immigration status of student or parent or guardian.
RCW 28A.710.130 WAC 108-20-070	<i>Applications for proposed charter schools</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Specifies that applications for proposed charter schools must have multiple components including evidence of need and parent and community support, an organizational chart including parent councils, and opportunities and expectations for parental involvement.

Existing Systems Communication Information to Parents and Guardians

- Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Office of the Education Ombuds
- State Board of Education
- Charter School Commission
- School Districts
- Help Me Grow/Parent Help 123
- 211 Washington